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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY BROWN TO DEFENSE MINISTER

1. LETTER SIGNED BY SECRETARY BROWN ON MAY 26 IS BEING
POUCHED SEPARATELY. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE FOLLOWING TEXT TO
MINISTER RUFFINI:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

AMBASSADOR GAJA FORWARDED YOUR LETTER CONCERNING THE MACCHI
COMPANY'S EFFORT TO WIN THE CONTRACT FOR A FEASIBILITY
STUDY OF VTX TRAINING AIRCRAFT FOR THE US NAVY. I HAVE
LOOKED INTO THE MATTER AND FIND THAT THE MACCHI COMPANY
WAS NOTIFIED BY LETTER ON FEBRUARY 2, 1978, THAT ITS BID
WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE CONTRACT IN QUESTION WAS FOR AN INITIAL-PHASE STUDY,
CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE, TO ADDRESS AN INTEGRATED TRAINING
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SYSTEM, TO INCLUDE SIMULATORS, ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND METHODS
OF TRAINING. THIS PHASE IS PRELIMINARY TO THE ACTUAL COM-
PETITION TO DEVELOP THE AIRCRAFT TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE
SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH THE MACCHI COMPANY DID NOT WIN THE CON-
CEPT CONTRACT, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE COMPANY WILL STILL
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN THE SELECTION OF A
DESIGN FOR THE AIRCRAFT OR AS A POTENTIAL MANUFACTURER

THEREOF.

UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE US ARMED SERVICES PROCUREMENT REGULATION (ASPR), THE COMPANY MAY REQUEST AN EXPLANATION BY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY OF THE DEFICIENCIES OF ITS PROPOSAL. MACCHI MIGHT WISH TO DO THIS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE COMPANY HAS THE PROSPECT OF FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VTX SYSTEM.

I ASSURE YOU, MR. MINISTER, THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT STUDY CONTRACT AWARD HAS NOT IN ANY WAY CHANGED THE POSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON THE UNDERSTANDING AND SPIRIT OF MUTUAL COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WARM REGARDS. SINCERELY, HAROLD BROWN. END QUOTE. VANCE

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